Dear Paul, Several days ago Lil wondered aloud if you were back at work. Then we had a nice note from a friend of yours in Santa Monica (Florence Wenner? Who ordered a Post Mortem.) So while I'm resting, hello. And we are okay. Hope you are, too. I've just come in from my third exercise period of the day. First a Walk. Then I mowed the entire place, all I can do except in the woods and trimming. Now I've just moved a cart of earth and rocks to build up a shoulder on the low side of the lane. Oh, you'didn't know I have a good, solid steel dump cart to go with the riding mower? Well, then I'll tell you how come. Seems there was this Russian defector who wanted to talk to me. He called several times and then we arranged a meeting in a public place, a chain hardware store half way between his Washington suburb and here. While I was walking around with one of my books, the signal to him, I spotted a closeout, last one they had, at only $40. Ordinarily the tires would cost that much.... Lil is copying the FBI records I want for the writing file from this week's delivery. I decided I had to do more moving because I drove to Washington day before yesterday for the first time in 8 or more months. Yesterday was a bad day. I drove because Lil had her annual checkup and we both had semi-annual(sic) dental checkups. (I'm in the Crest ad.) On the way down I could stop and walk a couple of times. We came back in thunderstorms, so I couldn't. I suppose this is the reason. I could not make the venous supports fit all day yesterday...While I am aware of not having the strength and stamina I did this past Tuesday I walked, if you know Washington, from Key Bridge to the National Press Bldg., where Lane had his nothing press conference. This means, if you do not know, from the far side of Georgetwon to the heart of DC. Lastbyear I could walk farthur. This year I will also. The weather is just now breaking. ...Jim will be away week after next. This means no work on litigation. I hope to be able to start writing then...Lane will probably be on the road. I do hope you can make tapes of what he does and says out there. It is oretty farout stuff. He makes me the defender of the FBI. While I sue it yet...The early Nixon from Wallace was very interesting.

Best, HW 5/8/77